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human virus causing severe acute

respiratory syndrome (SARS)

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be advised of the status of the above-identified application. An Amendment in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 26, 2006 was filed on December 27, 2006. Since then, no communication from the Office has been received. Accordingly, please advise when we can expect to receive the next Office Action.

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